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<ul> <li>9:30 WORSHIP Prelude singing Call to worship Worship in song Children's time Scripture: 1 Peter 2:19-25 Sermon: <i>The Suffering of Christ</i> Songs Sharing and Pastoral Prayer Offering Announcements Sending</li></ul>	
SUNDAY SCHOOL Children's classes (age 2 through 7 <sup>th</sup> grad Youth class (Pine Room) Adult classes: "God Loves Us" (Maple I Talk It Over class (Pastors Connecting in conversation	Room) s Study)

**Thank you so much to Matthew Peterson** for bringing the message this morning. Matthew is currently a student at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana.

**The plastic bank passed during the offering time** is for coins (50 cents or so). This symbolizes our desire to combat world hunger. Proceeds are split between the local food pantry and MCC food projects.

**Remembering Jim Harnish**: Some of Jim's family will be at Plow Creek today for lunch at noon, an informal sharing time, and a time to scatter his ashes on Daisy Hill. Jim passed away earlier this year.

## Update on Community Vacation Bible school:

- \*Today is your opportunity to join others in going door-to-door in Tiskilwa inviting children to Bible School. Meet at West Park 2 pm.
- \* May 22 Staff orientation meeting. Still needed: 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher and recreation and craft help.
- \* June 11-15 VBS dates

**Congratulations to April Zehr** for graduating from Indiana University on Friday with a Master's degree in Library Science.

**Pastor's plans:** Today Cal and Carol begin a week of vacation in the Branson, Missouri area. They plan to return Saturday evening, May 13.

**Menno Haven is hosting a Thank You Dinner and Celebration** in appreciation for the donors, volunteers and prayer partners of Hickory House and Oak Lodge renovations on Saturday, May 20 at 5 pm. Please RSVP by contacting Menno Haven at 815 646-4344 by May 12.

**MCC project for May/June**: Relief kits. A list of items needed can be found on the bulletin board above the Mennonite Women table in hallway. You may assemble a complete or partial kit. Place items on MW table.

**Nominate someone you admire!** Recognize people who model Christian stewardship by nominating them for an Everence Journey Award, which includes \$500 and \$5000 charitable donation awards. Phil Kaufmann, with his work with the Cotton Patch Gospel, is a past award recipient. For more information, go to Everence.com/journey-awards.

Worship Leader: Pam Kaufmann Song leader: Phil Kaufmann Children's story: Lori Boekeloo Message: Matthew Peterson

## CALENDAR

- May 21 Sharing by Jon and Lindsey Birkey
- May 21 Possible Canoe trip down Big Bureau Creek Contact Cal or Randy if interested.
- May 29 Menno Haven Rally Day

## Available for your use:

\*accessible restroom by library

- \*staffed nursery for children through age 4 (following children's story)
- \*elevator located inside main door and by library
- \*large print hymnals & hearing devices available from ushers

## VISION STATEMENT

Willow Springs is a thriving Anabaptist community of believers saved by grace who love and desire to follow Jesus Christ. We celebrate life together through joyful worship, faithful study, intentional sharing of the gospel and compassionate caring and service to others.